

Milwaukee, Wis. – U.S. Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-Milwaukee) made the following statement after the Wisconsin State Assembly passed a bill that nearly eliminates collective bargaining for public workers:

“We’ve known for a long time that these worker provisions aren’t about balancing the budget. We’ve seen it clearly as workers offer up more and more financial concessions. This is about busting unions. And a recent prank call just confirmed it.

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“Workers have indicated they’ll give up a lot for the good of our state. Now what about Governor Walker? Since when is compromise a dirty word?

“This Governor’s proposals are extreme – and recent polling shows it. For years, Republican and Democratic governors alike have at least brought workers to the table.

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“This fight is far from over. I stand in solidarity with our teachers, our civil servants, our prison workers and all of our public employees.

“While the worker provisions are bad enough on their own – this budget repair bill does damage across the board. We could jeopardize transit funding to many communities. Those in need may lose health care with no legislative oversight. The state could sell power plants without competitive bidding which could benefit major donors. We should all be extremely troubled by this.”

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